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### FRANCE comes to the rescue on Iran? (Rep. Franks)

The popular tendency in the current administration is to embrace Iranian "openness" and to reward their supposed willingness to negotiate. But finally French leaders have stalled international nuclear negotiations with Iran, raising red flags about the untouched topics of the Arak nuclear reactor site and 20% enriched uranium deportment.

"There is an initial text that we do not accept," French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius Saturday morning. "There are several points that we are not satisfied with," concerning the Arak heavy water facility and Iran's stockpiles of 20% uranium.

"How can we go down to 5% enrichment that is less dangerous. If those questions will not be addressed it will not be possible [to reach agreement]. I want a deal but we have to be careful not to be played for fools."

IAEA declarations have gone unanswered by this regime and know that past diplomatic efforts, including **ten rounds of negotiation since 2011**, have borne no fruit. Decades have passed without a single concession from the world's leading sponsor of terror.

Let us not forget that in 2005 we saw North Korea, another rogue nation, petition for "talks" about ending their nuclear weapons program, and demanding US concessions. How did they hold up

their end of that bargain? They have since conducted three flagrant nuclear weapons tests.

As this Administration talks about making a deal with Iran, there is a legitimate risk that we could see an agreement reached with Iran that represents a **grave national security threat to the United States**. And now it's amazing that one of the most progressive, leftist nations in the world finds itself to the right of the U.S. in halting the negotiations because this administration has neglected some of the main disarmament points.

The stakes are far too high for the United States to make a bad deal with Iran.

At the end of October, I introduced the *U.S.-Iran Nuclear Negotiations Act* to ensure the U.S. has all options truly on the table during negotiations regarding Iran's nuclear weapons program, because negotiations must be backed by a credible military threat. But equally important are the outlines of a responsible nuclear agreement indicated in this bill. We took the lead in affirming what steps Iran could take to successfully and responsibly cooperate with the international community.

We hope a peaceful negotiated settlement can be reached, and soon. But if Iran proves to be a predictable entity as they have for the last several decades, we should have legislation in place that provides credible force to defend our national security objectives.

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